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SUBJECT: LETTER FOR PRESIDENT CARTER FROM PRIME MINISTER
BEGIN

1. AMBASSADOR DINITZ DELIVERED EVENING OF FEBRUARY 21 TO
SECRETARY FOLLOWING LETTER FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM PRIME
MINISTER BEGIN.

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND INVITATION, FORWARDED TO ME BY
AMBASSADOR LEWIS, TO VISIT WASHINGTON ON MARCH 14 AND 15
FOR TALKS WITH YOU AND YOUR ADVISERS. I GRATEFULLY ACCEPT
YOUR INVITATION.

FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN INFORMED ME ABOUT YOUR WISH THAT HE
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PARTICIPATE IN OUR FORTHCOMING IMPORTANT EXCHANGES. IT
GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO READILY ACT UPON YOUR WISH AND
I HAVE INFORMED MR. DAYAN ACCORDINGLY.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND I PLAN TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK ON
MARCH 12 AND PROCEED TO WASHINGTON THE FOLLOWING DAY,
PREPARATORY TO OUR MEETINGS WITH YOU. DEFENSE MINISTER

WEIZMAN WILL STILL BE IN THE UNITED STATES AT THE TIME OF OUR ARRIVAL. I HAVE, THEREFORE, ASKED HIM TO STAY ON FOR A FURTHER DAY SO THAT HE MIGHT JOIN US FOR THE FIRST ROUND OF TALKS BETWEEN OUR TWO DELEGATIONS.

I TRUST THAT THIS PROPOSED COMPOSITION OF THE ISRAELI MINISTERIAL DELEGATION WILL MEET WITH YOUR APPROVAL. AS YOU KNOW, THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND DEFENSE MINISTER SERVE AS OUR RESPECTIVE CHARMEN OF THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI POLITICAL AND MILITARY COMMITTEES. THEY WERE WITH ME AT ISMAILIYA AND THEIR PARTICIPATION IN OUR FORTHCOMING TALKS WILL, I AM SURE, BE MOST USEFUL.

IT IS WITH MUCH ANTICIPATION, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR THIRD PERSONAL MEETING. I AM CONFIDENT THAT OUR EXCHANGES WILL BE FRUITFUL AND BENEFICIAL TO THE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL AND FOR THE PROMOTION OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

YOURS RESPECTFULLY AND SINCERELY,

MENACHEM BEGIN. END TEXT

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